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Washington, D.C. 20231

Attorney's Docket Number: 03384.0352-01000

Prior Application:

Art Unit: 2739

Examiner: Unassigned

SIR: This is a request for filing a Continued Prosecution Application as a:

Continuation or Divisional application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) of pending prior nonprovisional application Serial No. 09/543,906 filed

April 6, 2000 for INVERSE MULTIPLEXING OF DIGITAL DATA

(Title of Invention)

by the following named inventor(s):

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The above-identified prior application in which no payment of the issue fee, abandonment of, or termination of proceedings has occurred, is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application. Please use all the contents of the prior application file wrapper, including the drawings, as the basic papers for the new application.

- 1. □ Enter the amendment previously filed on _____under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 but unentered, in the prior application.
- 2. A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- 3. □ This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 C.F.R. 1.53 (d)(4).
- a. DELETE the following inventor(s)
 named in the prior nonprovisional
 application:

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 936.00 0P

b. \Box The inventor(s) to be deleted are set

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forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.

4. The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 1 and 2 above.

| Basic Application Filing | g Fee | | | | \$690 | \$ | 690.00 |
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| | Number of Claims | | Basic | Extra Claims | | | |
| Total Claims | 72 | - | 20 | 52 | x \$18 | | 936 |
| Independent Claims | 29 | - | 3 | 26 | x \$78 | 2028 | |
| [] Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim(s) | | | | | | | |
| | | | | <u>-</u> . | Subtotal | \$ | 2964 |
| Reduction by 1/2 if small entity | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL APPLICATION FILING FEE | | | | | | \$ | 3654.00 |

- 5. A check in the amount of \$3654.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- 6. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.
- 7.

 A verified statement claiming small entity status
 - \Box is enclosed or \Box is on file in the prior application.
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- 9. □ The prior application is assigned of record to: _____
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| 12. | Recognize as associate attorney | |
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| | (name, address & Reg. No.) | |
| 13. | Also enclosed is | |

<u>PETITION FOR EXTENSION</u>. If any extension of time is necessary for the filing of this application, including any extension in the parent application, serial no. <u>09/543,906</u>, filed ___

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April 6, 2000 , for the purpose of maintaining copendency between the parent application and this application, and such extension has not otherwise been requested, such an extension is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge necessary fees for such an extension to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for use in charging the deposit account.

It is understood that secrecy under 35 U.S.C. § 122 is hereby waived to the extent that any member of the public, who is entitled under the provisions of § 1.14 to access to, copies of, or information concerning either the prior application or any continuing application filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d), may be given similar access to, copies of, or similar information concerning the other application or applications in the file jacket.

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By: Reg. 36743

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